

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Marcos Isamat Riviere
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Title : METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING
BIOLOGICAL SPECIES
Examiner : Rosanne Kosson
Group Art Unit : 1652

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 30, 2008, applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the invention of Group I, *i.e.*, claims 1-7 and 11-15, drawn to a method of identifying biological species or subspecies in a biological sample by performing PCR with primers that hybridize to regions 1130-1191 and 1453-1473 of

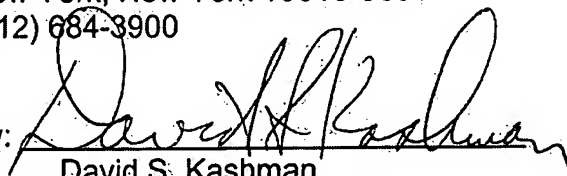
the human beta-actin gene. Since the remaining claims (claims 8-10) will be considered withdrawn, applicant reserves the right to prosecute those claims in one or more divisional applications.

Applicant has responded herein to the points raised by the Examiner in the Office Action. Accordingly, further favorable action in connection with this patent application is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if it will advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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